

**4 Corners Air Quality Task Force
Power Plant Work Group
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Mark Jones, Group Coordinator; Susan Johnson, Note Taker

Charter

Clarification on mercury rule? OK as is.

Scope—are we just talking about PP in the 4 corners region or nationwide? Existing and proposed should be considered.

Navajo Nation – we should continue to outreach. Should contact NTEC.

Visibility should be included. All effects—health and AQRVs should be considered. Maybe a new workgroup needs to focus on AQ effects (health, visibility, economic, ecosystem). But, we can't ignore because we need to know effects to know what reductions are needed.

Need to look at cumulative effects.

From county standpoint, concerned with economic effects, tourism and health care costs.

People in Farmington/Aztec area have had to leave for AQ/health concerns

We need baseline for power plant emissions.

Many of these concerns can be covered in workgroup work plan.

Miscellaneous

Who are we giving recommendations to?

Need communication between groups.

Idea is not to come to consensus (“recommendations”), but develop options.

What information is available to the group? WRAP, NMED. Are there correlations between different groups doing the same analyses?

Guiding Principles

Need to reduce current AQ impacts as well as avoid future.

Need to treat each other respectfully when differing opinions exist.

Many concerns aren’t necessarily scientifically based—need to respect other ways of knowing things. IE, Not all AQ issues that the community has have been scientifically studied

What is sound science?

One person objects to the balance between environmental, economic and social values.

Tiered approach language is bothersome—maybe appropriate consideration of these pathways.

Problem with best available control technologies. Want to consider broader management options—not just technology. Just delete whole thing.

Group needs to be educated regarding power plants out there—what controls do they already have, etc.

Work Schedule

Need to continue having afternoon meetings so working public can attend.

Conference calls: late afternoons. 2d week of each month, Wed or Thurs. Feb 22 or 23; March 8 or 9; April 12 or 13; 4:00 – 5:00.

Meeting sites

Cortez – people come out of the woodwork there to become involved. Shiprock. Would love a power plant tour. Why do they have so many lights on power plants. We should have web cast capability for this effort. We should give as many options as necessary.

Other Issues/Next Steps

Agendas will be developed on calls. Agenda items for first call: for web page—gather existing information (from everyone) on baseline data/inventory, power plant info, health effects info. Like a resource library. Need to know what legislation is out there. NM has a house memorial on mercury. Brief fact sheet on clean air. Jurisdictions and where power plants are. Bulletin board on-line for threaded discussions. Please use discretion in what is posted.

1st conference call: develop work plan; power plant presentations—current controls and planned reductions. Website links—how is this working?

Other? How should we deal with questions that the whole group wouldn't necessarily want to hear? Direct to Mark or Chris Dann, they will route. Bulletin boards are good for that. Mark will talk to Eric Aaboe about this possibility.